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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)

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For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
CAROTENOIDS**)

Examiner: Irene Marx

Art Unit: 1651

New York, New York
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT TO ELECT SPECIES
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2007, which set a one-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before October 17, 2007. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner issued a requirement to elect species pursuant to PCT Rule 13.1. (Paper No. 20070815 at 2.) In making the requirement, the Examiner asserted that the following species lacked unity:

- I. Microorganism for production of carotenoids
 - A. Xanthophyllomyces
 - B. One specific microorganism genus/species other than Xanthophyllomyces
- II. Inhibitor of biosynthesis of sterols from farnesyl pyrophosphate
 - A. Specific squalene synthase inhibitor
 - a. Ammonium ion based squalene synthase inhibitor
 - b. Phenoxypropylamine type squalene synthase inhibitor, as in claim 7 or 8. (*Id.*)

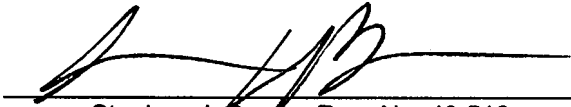
In making the requirement, the Examiner Required that the Applicants "elect ONE single disclosed species from each of I. and II." (*Id.*) The Examiner further required "[r]egarding II, [applicant] is required to elect ONE single disclosed species of inhibitor of biosynthesis of sterols from farnesyl pyrophosphate. If A. is selected, applicant is required to select one disclosed/claimed species from I.A.a. OR I.A.b, i.e., ONE specific ammonium ion based squalene synthase inhibitor or ONE specific phenoxypropylamine-type squalene synthase inhibitor." (*Id.* at 3.)

In accordance with election of species practice, **Xanthophyllomyces** is elected as the species of "[m]icroorganism for production of carotenoids", i.e., **species I.A.**, with traverse. In addition, **[3-(3-allyl-biphenyl-4-yloxy)-propyl]-isopropyl-amine** is selected as the "[i]nhibitor of biosynthesis of sterols from farnesyl pyrophosphate", i.e., **species II.A.b.**, with traverse.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact
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